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For: UTILIZING AVAILABLE SONET  
OVERHEAD BYTES FOR  
ADDITIONAL SIGNALING  
CHANNELS

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**STATEMENT REGARDING LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT  
TO CLAIM SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

The Commissioner is hereby notified that the Applicant is no longer entitled to claim small entity status for the above-referenced patent. Accordingly, Applicant hereby formally withdraws such claim.

Respectfully submitted,  
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